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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY / PUBLIC HEARINGS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Pursuant to section 15087, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, this is to advise that the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Project described below:

Project Title: AT&T Asia America Gateway Fiber Optic Cable Project

Project The proposed fiber optic cable is divided into three segments: terrestrial

Location: shore-end and marine.

The terrestrial segment consists of an existing conduit and manhole system extending from the "beach manhole" at the Montaña de Oro State Park Sandspit Beach parking lot inland a distance of approximately 10.5 miles to the AT&T 03 cable station. Once this conduit system exits the Montaña de Oro State Park, it exists entirely within private AT&T easements with the exception of two road crossings (Pecho Valley Road and Clark's Gap Road). This terrestrial route is commonly referred to as the "ridge" conduit system.

The shore-end segment includes an existing "beach manhole" and one existing five-inch drill pipe extending from the "beach manhole" at the Montaña de Oro State Park Sandspit Beach parking lot seaward a distance of approximately 2,200 feet from the mean high tide. From there, the cable would extend through the tidal zone, to a point where the water depth reaches approximately 98 feet.

The marine segment begins at the 98 foot water depth and consists of one submarine cable placed along a predetermined route to its destinations in Hawaii, Guam and Asia.

This project description does not consider the project beyond the 1,000 fathom (6,000 foot depth), which occurs approximately 50 miles offshore.

Project:

AT&T is proposing to install one fiber optic cable from Hawaii to California as part of a larger cable system originating in Asia. The proposed fiber optic cable would land at AT&T's existing landing facility at Montaña de Oro State Park near Morro Bay, California. The cable would be connected to the AT&T cable station located near San Luis Obispo, California, via an existing terrestrial cable conduit system. The marine cable would be installed using a combination of plowing and direct bottom lay along a pre-determined course. The proposed cable would provide a link between the west coast of the United States (U.S.), Guam, Hawaii, and Southeast Asia.

The 45-day public review period for this DEIR begins December 3, 2008, and ends on January 16, 2008. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, written comments must be **received by 5:00 PM PST, Friday, January 16, 2008.**

Please send your comments at the earliest possible date to the individual listed below:

Scott McFarlin, Project Manager California State Lands Commission 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South Sacramento, CA 95825

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The CSLC encourages you to send your comments electronically to the Project Manager listed above in MS Word format. If sending comments by e-mail, please also mail an original on any applicable letterhead to the California State Lands Commission office to ensure receipt of a clean copy.

This document, identified as CSLC EIR #745 and State Clearinghouse Number 2007111029, may be viewed electronically, in Word or Acrobat format, on the CSLC internet website at http://www.slc.ca.gov. Copies of the DEIR are also available for review at the following locations:

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Public Hearing:

Pursuant to section 15087, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (the State CEQA Guidelines), the CSLC has scheduled two public meetings for receiving oral and written comments on the DEIR at:

LOCATION: Embassy Suites, Edna Room, 333 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo, CA

DATE: Tuesday, January 6, 2008

TIME: 3:30 pm and 6:00 pm

Anyone interested in this matter is invited to comment on the document by written response or by personal appearance at the public meetings.

Potential Significant Impacts on the Environment:

The DEIR discusses the potential for significant impacts on the environment in the following subject areas: Aesthetics/Visual Resources; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Commercial and Recreational Fishing; Cultural Resources, Geology, Soils, Faults, and Mineral Resources; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Recreation; Marine Transportation; Noise; System Safety/Risk of Upset; Transportation/Circulation.

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